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1. MUCH OF THE REPORTING IN THE GREEK MEDIA TODAY (APRIL 1)
ON THE VIENNA INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON CYPRUS HAS BEEN PLAYED
FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD IN STORIES DATELINED VIENNA AND CENTERED
ON THE PUBLIC STATEMENT DURING THE OPENING SESSION BY UNSYG
WALDHEIM WHICH WAS EXTENSIVELY QUOTED IN PART OR IN FULL.
THE STORY HAS GENERALLY RECEIVED SECONDARY COVERAGE IN MOST
NEWSPAPERS AND ON TV, ALTHOUGH RADIO NEWS REPORTS CARRY IT
AS A LEAD ITEM.

2. MOST ACCOUNTS STATE THAT GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR
PAPADOPOULOS GAVE A GENERAL OUTLINE OF HIS SIDE'S POSITION
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AND, ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, OFFERED THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE
BIZONALITY AND TWENTY PERCENT OF THE LAND HOLDINGS. MENTION
WAS MADE THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE HAD MADE AN OPENING
STATEMENT AND IS EXPECTED, ACCORDING TO "RELIABLE SOURCES",
TO REPLY TODAY TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AND TO
SUBMIT ITS OWN PROPOSALS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE. ONLY
PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI, IN A STORY DATELINED VIENNA AND QUOTING

SOURCES CLOSE TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT DELEGATION, SAID THE GREEK CYPRIOT OFFER HAD BEEN REJECTED. LIKEWISE MENTION WAS MADE OF THE EXPECTATION THAT THE TALKS WILL CONTINUE TWICE A DAY IN VIENNA, UNDER THE AUSPICES FIRST OF WALDHEIM AND THEN OF DE CUELLAR, UNTIL APRIL 8, AND RESUME IN NICOSIA AFTER THE EASTER BREAK.

3. SOME STORIES INCLUDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS EXTRACTED FROM AN ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) REPORT FROM VIENNA ALONG ABOVE LINES INDICATING THAT PAPADOPOULOS HAD SUBMITTED THREE DOCUMENTS. ONE OF THESE WAS SAID TO BE A MAP SHOWING A BIREGIONAL DIVISION OF THE ISLAND WITH TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TERRITORY BEING HELD BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. (NO REPRODUCTIONS OF THIS MAP HAVE APPEARED IN THE GREEK PRESS.) THE ANA REPORT NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO "OFFICIAL STATISTICAL DATA" THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HOLD 60.9 PERCENT OF THE CYPRIOT LAND, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS 12.3 PERCENT, AND VARIOUS OTHER NATIONALITIES 0.5 PERCENT, WHILE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LAND TOTALLED 26.3 PERCENT. PRIVATELY-OWNED LAND, THE REPORT CONTINUED, IS DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: GREEK CYPRIOTS 82.7 PERCENT, TURKISH CYPRIOTS 16.7 PERCENT, OTHER 0.6 PERCENT. THE REPORT DESCRIBED THE OTHER TWO DOCUMENTS AS: (A) ONE CONTAINING THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES CONCERNING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FEDERAL CYPRUS STATE (INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND UNITY OF THE COUNTRY) AS WELL AS SAFE-GUARDING THE POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC; AND (B) A SECOND ONE WHICH CONTAINS THE CRITERIA ON WHICH THE GREEK CYPRIOT TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS ARE BASED, POINTING OUT THEY ARE CONNECTED WITH THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. SAMPLE NEWSPAPER CAPTIONS FOLLOW: COMMUNIST (KKE-INTERIOR) AVGHI, "THE GREEK DELEGATION PROPOSED BIZONAL WITH 20 PERCENT TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS." "INTERCOMMUNALS STARTED YESTERDAY IN VIENNA IN A 'DIM ATMOSPHERE' - U.S.A. READY TO INTERVENE WITH 'FRIENDLY RECOMMENDATIONS'"; PRO-GOVERNMENT ACROPOLIS, "MAKARIOS PROPOSED BIZONAL WITH 20 PERCENT - TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL REPLY TODAY - WALDHEIM: GOOD ATMOSPHERE FOR THE INTERCOMMUNALS - WALDHEIM'S APPEAL FOR THE GAP TO BE BRIDGED", LIBERAL, OPPOSITION TO VIMA, "20 PERCENT TERRITORY TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS - THE GREEK SIDE GAVE ITS PROPOSALS - 'INDISPUTABLE PROGRESS', VANCE SAYS"; PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI, "TURKISH CYPRIOTS REJECT 20 PERCENT - THEY WILL SUBMIT A COUNTER-PLAN ASKING FOR 35-37 PERCENT"; OPPOSITION, LEFTIST TA NEA, "NICOSIA GIVES 20 PERCENT OF CYPRUS TO ANKARA THROUGH THE NEW MAP SUBMITTED IN VIENNA - SCHMIDT-VANCE EXAMINED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM". KUBISCH

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